



# Milwaukee County Office of the Sheriff

## NEWS RELEASE

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## 56 Drunk Drivers Arrested During the Holiday Weekend

**Milwaukee, WI** – During this past holiday weekend, Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. ordered increased patrols beginning at 8PM on Friday, December 31, 2010 through Saturday, January 1, 2011. The initiative, which included over 100 law enforcement officers, focused on keeping the public safe from those who engage in the dangerous behavior of impaired driving.

From Friday, December 31, 2010 to Saturday, January 1, 2011, the Sheriff's Office enforcement initiative resulted in the following arrests, citations, and calls for service:

- 12 Seat belt citations
- 54 Excessive Speed citations
- 22 Unlicensed/Revoked/Suspended Drivers
- 36 Operating While Intoxicated arrests
- 5 Crashes with property damage only
- 2 Crashes with minor injuries (both OWI related)
- 1 Fatal crash
- 2 Warrant arrests

In conjunction with the Sheriff's Office enforcement efforts, the Southeast Multi-Jurisdictional OWI Task Force conducted an enhanced enforcement deployment targeting drunk drivers. As a result of their combined enforcement effort, **56** drivers were arrested for *Operating While Intoxicated*.

### Additional Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Statistics:

- The first OWI arrest occurred at 10:56 p.m. Friday
- The last OWI arrest took place at 5:15 a.m. Saturday
- The average prohibited alcohol level was .15, almost twice the legal limit.
- The highest prohibited alcohol level was .23
- 305 citations were issued (including (38) deviating from lane, (93) speeding, (39) operating while revoked/suspended or without a valid drivers license.)
- A total of 6 drunk drivers had prior convictions
  - 1 drunk driver had 4 prior convictions
  - 5 drunk drivers had 3 prior convictions

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**The following agencies participated in the Multi-Jurisdictional OWI Task Force:**

- Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office
- Bayside Police Department
- Cudahy Police Department
- Franklin Police Department
- Greendale Police Department
- South Milwaukee Police Department
- St. Francis Police Department
- Wauwatosa Police Department
- West Allis Police Department
- City Of Brookfield Police Department
- City Of Elm Grove Police Department
- City Of Menomonee Police Department
- Town Of Brookfield Police Department
- Wisconsin State Patrol

Since the creation of the Southeast Multi-Jurisdictional OWI Task Force (April 2009), a total of 1,279 impaired drivers were removed from the Milwaukee County freeway system and adjacent roadways.

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